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Food and Drug Administration  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Draft Memorandum being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I object to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

I use compounded natural formulations for female hormone replacement therapy that come from the Women's International Pharmacy in Madison, Wisconsin. There have been no unacceptable side effects whereas, the possible side effects associated with the pharmaceutical company formulations are unacceptable to me. My doctor, my pharmacist and I have a strong bond that is focused on my well-being, not the well-being of insurance companies or pharmaceutical companies who seem on a daily basis to eat away at alternative and complementary health care choices.

I have already been forced to give up my regular family physician of 10 years because her practice was unable (due to managed care constraints) to give me the time and attention I require in order to explore alternative medicine. If health care issues couldn't be solved via voice mail messages or a rushed office visit with the pharmaceutical company "darling drug of the moment," then she became exasperated with me; and she used to be an extremely compassionate and thorough doctor with whom I enjoyed a strong doctor/patient bond.

I am willing to pay for my own doctor visits and my prescriptions out of my own pocket, if necessary, if only the options are there. I do not want the government limiting any of my options if I am willing to pay for them myself.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent and critical matter.

Sincerely,



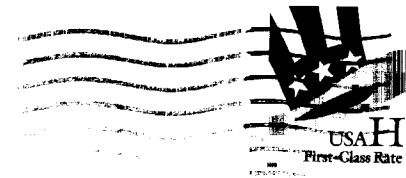
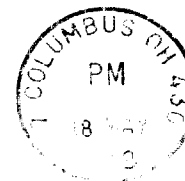
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